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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE
MR. HERBERT JOHNSON GEDGE has been appointed a partner in our Hongkong Firm at this date. JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER. Hongkong, 1st March, 1899. [63]

LECTURE.

COLONEL ELSDALE, R.E., has kindly consented to deliver an address on "Our National Flag" in the St. Andrew's Hall on MONDAY, the 6th of March, at 5.15 P.M.
The Meeting is open to the Public and Ladies are invited.
His Excellency Major-General GABOON, C.M.G., will take the Chair.
HENRY E. POLLOCK, Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 3rd March, 1899. [639]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned will sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, at the Sales Rooms, 2nd Floor, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

ENTERTAINMENT.

ANNOUNCEMENT EXTRAORDINARY.

Owing to the ENORMOUS STARTLING SENSATIONAL and UNPRECEDENTED BUSINESS of the last few days, D'ARCS MARIONETTES have decided to remain in Hongkong for ONE WEEK LONGER.

"LET 'EM ALL COME" and see The Great Drama of "THE SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR." ONE WEEK LONGER. Hongkong, 3rd March, 1899. [608]

NOTICE.

MARRIED COUPLE require APARTMENTS with Board, for two (2) months. State to "COMMERCIAL" Cave of Hongkong Daily Press Office, Hongkong, 27th February, 1899. [597]

LAUNCHES & KEROSENE ENGINES.

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BANQUE DE L'INDO CHINE.

THE Offices of this Bank have been REMOVED This Day to the New Building on CONNAUGHT ROAD, THE PRIMA RECLAMATION. J. G. F. AUGUSTIN, Manager. Hongkong, 25th February, 1899. [575]

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

THE Offices of this Company's Agency have This Day REMOVED to the New Building, 100, Housen Street, THE PRIMA RECLAMATION. G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent. Hongkong, 25th February, 1899. [679]

NATIONAL ASSURANCE COMPANY OF IRELAND.

ESTABLISHED 1822. CAPITAL £1,000,000 FUNDS (over) £1,000,000 The Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates. RADECKER & CO., Agents. Hongkong, 10th September, 1898. [4193]

THE NEW BALMORAL GOLD MINING CO., LIMITED.

(IN LIQUIDATION). PREFERENCE SHAREHOLDERS ON THE REGISTER of the above Company may now obtain Scrips for Shares in Queen Mines, Limited, upon executing an Agreement in my Office. Shareholders NOT ON THE REGISTER may transfer shares to me, but no other transfers can be registered. W. HUTTON POTTS, Liquidator. Office, No. 2, Albert Road, Offshore, 2 to 3 P.M. Hongkong, 4th January, 1899. [61]

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE. THE CERTIFICATE No. 56, dated 4th January, 1894, of the First Share No. 631 to 635 in this Company, standing in the name of Miss MARIA ELIZA D'ENCARNACAO, of Macao, has been LOST, and if the expiration of one month from the date hereof the above document be not forthcoming another Certificate will be issued by the Company, and thereafter no other will be acknowledged. Dated 29th February, 1899. L. TOMLIN, Acting Secretary.

HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS. CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS are requested to send in a Statement of Business contributed during the Half Year ended 31st December, 1898, on or before the 15th March, on which date the Accounts will be CLOSED. By Order of the Board of Directors, THOS. I. ROSE, Secretary. Hongkong, 2nd March, 1899. [622]

THE WEST POINT BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE OF CALL. NOTICE is hereby given that at a Meeting of the Board of Directors of the above Company held at No. 5, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, Victoria, Hongkong, on the 6th day of December, 1898, the following Resolution was passed: "That a first and final call of Ten Dollars (\$10) per share, upon all the Shareholders in the above Company, in respect of all the shares held by them in the above Company, be and the same is hereby made. Such call to be paid to the Company at their Bankers, the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Limited, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on or before the 1st day of March, 1899."

NOTICE.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Polo Club will be held at the Hongkong Club on FRIDAY, the 10th March, at 6 P.M. to discuss the following subjects: (1) Whether position shall be taken in connection with the proposed polo ground in the future. (2) The building of a Polo Pavilion. H. B. DES VOUX, Capt. R.E., Polo Club Secretary. Hongkong, 2nd March, 1899. [634]

GOOD SALESMAN WANTED.

For store, some experience; \$150 to commence. Apply to "Z." Care of Office of this Paper. Hongkong, 27th January, 1899. [720]

NEW AMOY DOCK CO., LIMITED.

WANTED, a Qualified Person to fill the position of MANAGER of the above Company, dating from the 1st March, 1899. Apply by letter enclosing Copies of Resumé, etc., to the General Manager, Amoy, 10th January, 1899. [621]

COLD STORAGE.

THE HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED, is now prepared to receive orders for provisions for Cold Storage at EAST POINT at Moderate Rates. Wm. FARLANE, Manager. Hongkong, 17th February, 1899. [604]

INTIMATIONS.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE THIRTIETH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 3, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, Victoria, on MONDAY, the 13th March, at Twelve o'clock (Noon), for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors and the Report of the Auditors for the year ending 31st December, 1898. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st to the 13th March, both days inclusive. By Order, GEO. L. TOMLIN, Acting Secretary. Hongkong, 13th February, 1899. [430]

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE. THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Hotel on TUESDAY, the 14th March, 1899, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors and the Report of the Auditors for the year ending 31st December, 1898. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st to the 14th March, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board, C. MOONEY, Secretary. Hongkong, 20th February, 1899. [523]

THE PUNJON MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the Company, 3, PRATA CENTRAL, on WEDNESDAY, 15th March, 1899, at 11 o'clock in the Forenoon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1898, and for the election of Directors and Auditors. By Order of the Board of Directors, JAMES J. DUNNAN, Secretary. Hongkong, 3rd March, 1899. [631]

THE HONGKONG HOPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE FIFTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 3, PRATA CENTRAL, Victoria, on WEDNESDAY, 15th March, at Twelve o'clock (Noon), for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors and the Report of the Auditors for the year ending 31st December, 1898, and for the election of Directors and Auditors. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 1st to 15th March, both days inclusive. SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers. Hongkong, 27th February, 1899. [539]

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE SIXTEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 3, PRATA CENTRAL, Victoria, on THURSDAY, 16th March, 1899, at 11 o'clock A.M., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1898, and for the election of Directors and Auditors. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st to the 16th March, both days inclusive. SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers. Hongkong, 25th February, 1899. [610]

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE. THE TWENTY-FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 3, PRATA CENTRAL, Victoria, on THURSDAY, 16th March, 1899, at 11 o'clock A.M., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1898. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st to the 16th March, both days inclusive. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Agents. Hongkong, 1st March, 1899. [625]

LUZON SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE. THE SEVENTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, Phipps Street, at 12.30 P.M. on THURSDAY, 16th March, for the purpose of receiving their Report and a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1898. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st to the 16th March, both days inclusive. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Agents. Hongkong, 1st March, 1899. [628]

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND of 8% per Share and Bonus of 2% per Share for the year ending 31st December, 1898, declared at Monday's Ordinary Yearly Meeting, will be PAYABLE at the premises of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on and after TUESDAY, the 28th February, and Shareholders are requested to apply for Dividend Warrants at the Company's Office, No. 14, PRATA CENTRAL. By Order of the Board of Directors, THOS. ROSE, Secretary. Hongkong, 28th February, 1899. [611]

BEST YUBAIL LUMP COAL FOR SALE.

THE B.S. Doga Maru is expected here on or about 14th inst., carrying 2,500 tons of best Yubail Lump Coal from Japan. Any ship requiring same for use should apply to K'WONG MAN WO., No. 128, Nathan Road, Hongkong. [1153]

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THE THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL ISSUE

DEATH.
At Nagasaki, on the 27th February, Mrs. HANSEN, nee SUTHERLAND, widow of the late Captain J. SUTHERLAND, aged 73 years, and 4 months. A native of Cumberland, Cumberland County, Maine, U.S.A.

The Daily Press.
HONGKONG, March 3rd, 1899.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN is reported to have said in a recent speech that the sugar bounties were abominable. In the last number of the *Spectator* to hand there is an article lamenting Mr. CHAMBERLAIN's fall from grace in the matter of free trade, he having on several occasions during the last eighteen months used language which encourages the dangerous delusion of the Fair-traders that Free-trade would be all very well if it were a game that our trade rivals would join in playing at, but that when it is one-sided, Free-trade is anything but a blessing. The writer of the article says it is no doubt true that one-sided Free-trade does not pay us as well as would reciprocal Free-trade, and that if other countries gave up protection and adopted our fiscal policy we should as a nation greatly benefit; but he contends, and with absolute conviction, that for us the next best thing to universal Free-trade is one-sided Free-trade of the kind we now enjoy. In that opinion we concur. The article in question appeared, however, at a date anterior to Mr. CHAMBERLAIN's declaration on the sugar bounties, and therefore does not touch upon that point. The *Spectator* will probably condemn Mr. CHAMBERLAIN in this also, but to us it appears that the question of the sugar bounties stands alone and that action might be taken upon it without infringing the essential doctrine of free trade. The advocates of retaliatory measures against the sugar bounties do not ask for protection in the ordinary sense of the term, that is, protection against legitimate competition, but only that they shall be allowed a fair field and not be condemned to compete with foreign Government bounties.

We have heard much of late years of the injury done to the West Indian colonies by the bounties given by Continental States upon the exportation of beet sugar, but it is not the West

Indies alone that have suffered. Beet sugar is now finding its way to the East and competing, by reason of the bounties it enjoys, with locally grown and locally manufactured cane sugar. The *Times* of India in an article on the subject tells us that the Indian sugar trade has been steadily in process of conversion from what was originally in the main an export trade to one that is increasingly becoming an import trade. The value of the sugar imports of India has in ten years grown from 11 crores to 41 crores, and the increase has been mainly in the particular kind of sugar which is fostered by liberal bounties. The imports of beet sugar have increased from 12,000 cwt. in 1887-88 to 880,000 cwt. in 1898-97, while in 1897-98 they considerably exceeded a million cwt. All this time the imports of cane-sugar—the sugar which competes with the Indian product upon a cost of production basis—were practically stationary. Under natural conditions the area under sugar cultivation should have extended largely in recent years. Yet it decreased from 3,100,000 acres in 1891-92 to 2,651,000 acres in 1896-97. Our contemporary very pertinently says: "The advice to buy in the cheapest market does not carry us far in this matter. The producer of bounty-free sugar aims at getting the market to himself, and when he has destroyed the competition of the home producer, the tendency will be to a return to old prices. There is something unreal, therefore, in the argument that the producer may be ruined by the bounty system the consumer is benefited. The benefit is transient, but the mischief that is allowed to be done in securing it is permanent. The Government of India will do no injustice to the consumer of sugar by seeing that the foreign producer carries on his industry under fair conditions, or keeps out of the market. If a countervailing duty should raise the price at the ports from Rs. 7-2 per maund—the present forward rate in Calcutta—to Rs. 10, it will make the burden on the consumer no heavier than it was six years ago. No one then complained that sugar was dear, nor did the price check consumption. The consumer will be none the worse, but the producer will be spared from extinction."

Most of the bounty giving countries are already tired of the enormous expenditure the policy involves, a policy which simply means making a present of so many millions per annum to the foreign consumer, and in course of time no doubt the evil would cure itself. France and Russia are now the only countries opposed to the abolition of the bounties, and even they must become convinced of their inadvisability sooner or later. The practical question for English statesmen is whether we are to wait for the natural conversion of our friends or are to neutralise the bounties by imposing a countervailing duty. If the latter alternative were adopted the probability is that the bounties would be abolished immediately, the countervailing duties would lapse automatically, and we should again find ourselves on the basis of Free-trade.

An American Ball was given at Kolo on the 23rd February in celebration of Washington's birthday. We hear that H.E. the Governor intends to make a trip across the new Kowloon territory next week.

Yesterday afternoon the *Baltimore* left for Manila with Messrs. Schuman and Worcester, the American Commissioners.

Dr. Zolotarev, of Shanghai, died of pneumonia, after a brief illness, on the night of the 28th February, much regretted by the foreign community of the port.

As will be seen from the advertisement, the hour of the meeting of the Panjion Mining Co., Limited, to be held on the 15th inst., has been altered to 11 a.m.

Colonel Blalock, R.E., will deliver a lecture in St. Andrew's Hall on Monday afternoon, under the auspices of the Old Volume Society. Our National Week Committee, H.E. Major-General Gossington will preside.

The steamer *Cornwall* has been formally arrested at Shanghai in a suit brought by the agents of the *Indra* steamers *Formosa* and *Indra* arising out of the recent collision, the amount claimed being £5,000.

The American Consul at Chinkiang has notified the Viceroy of Nanking of his intention to take up his residence and establish the U.S. Consulate at Nanking at an early date. The Consular districts of Chinkiang and Wai-wei will then be managed from Nanking.—*China Gazette*.

On the arrival of the F.M. steamer *China* at Nagasaki, from Hongkong, a storage possessor was reported to be suffering from smallpox. The patient was removed to the isolation ward of the quarantine station at Meguro, and the vessel, after being thoroughly disinfected, was permitted to enter the harbour.

Owing to the almost unprecedented success they have met with during their stay in Hongkong, the Fair-traders are extending their visit for a week. Therefore any who have not yet witnessed this capital entertainment will be afforded a still further opportunity. So satisfied have they been with it that they have prolonged it ever and over again.

The *Universal Gazette* reports from Peking that Mr. de Giers, the new Russian Minister to the Chinese Government, recently visited the Emperor. The Emperor's absence to leave an audience with the Emperor, and it is added that the Emperor were a very angry countenance during the function and was anything but pleasant to the Russian representative.—*China Gazette*.

A Tokyo despatch of the 29th February, forwarded by the *Kobe Chronicle*, reads: "According to London telegrams received in Yokohama, a serious strike has broken out among the operatives of Manchester engaged in the dyeing industry. The strikers have collected a fund of three millions sterling and have adopted a firm attitude. There is little prospect of any compromise. In consequence black velvet have advanced by 50 per cent."

The *Shanghai Mercury* of the 27th February says: "The new British gambler Woodcock left on Friday night to proceed up river. He had been up to Chingking if possible and though a passage through the rapids is perilous and difficult he seems to be able to do this considering that he only drives two feet of water. Mr. Little's launch driver was a Chinese. The presence of such a vessel will be unique in the annals of Chingking and for many reasons her presence there is necessary."

The *N. C. Daily News* of the 27th February says: "H.M.S. *Intrepid* returned from target practice on Saturday afternoon. Shooting was carried on from Thursday to Saturday under favourable conditions and nearly 100 per cent of the shots were true. The ship is being repaired at the dock, and will be ready to proceed on the 11th March."

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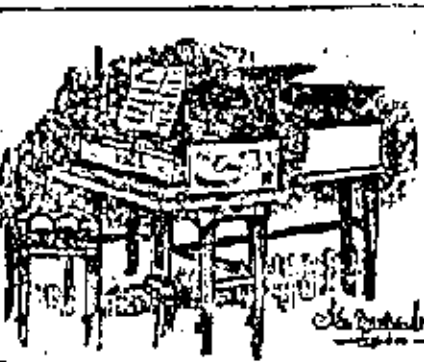
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TOTAL FUNDS at 31st DECEMBER, 1897,
£1,558,399 0s. 0d.

1. AUTHORIZED CAPITAL £3,000,000 £ s. d.
PAID-UP CAPITAL 3,750,000

II. FIRE FUNDS.....£87,500 0 0

III. FIRE FUNDS.....£2,743,810 7 0

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SILK TAPESTRY AND PLUSH DRAW-
ING ROOM SUITE, MOROCCO COVERED
EASY CHAIRS, OVERMANTELS,
TABLES, WHITE LACE CURTAINS,
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FINELY CARVED TEAK SIDE-
BOARD, EXTENSION DINING TABLE,
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